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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRENCH CANDIDATE FOR UNSYG FOR ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS

REF: PARIS 17934

1. MISOFF LEARNED FROM WELL-PLACED SECRETARIAT SOURCE
THAT GABRIEL VAN LAETHEM IS ODDS-ON CANDIDATE TO BE
NAMED BY SYG WALDHEIM TO REPLACE PHILIPPE DE SEYNES.
CONTRARY TO ASSERTION BY BLAMONT IN PARA 4 REFTEL,
VAN LAETHEM HAS NOT BEEN REJECTED BY WALDHEIM. INFORMANT
TOLD MISOFF THAT VAN LAETHEM HIMSELF IS NOT INTERESTED
IN UN POST BUT HAS BEEN TOLD BY FRENCH GOVT THAT HE IS
TO TAKE POST IF OFFERED BY WALDHEIM. RE PARA 6 REFTEL
INFORMANT SAID THAT THERE IS "NO CHANCE" THAT WALDHEIM
MAY DECIDE ON GIVING POST TO OTHER THAN FRENCH NATIONAL
SINCE HE DOES NOT WANT TO INCUR WRATH OF FRENCH, WHO
MAINTAIN THAT WITH A FRENCHMAN PREVIOUSLY IN POST LINE
OF SUCCESSION IS FOR ANOTHER FRENCHMAN. HE WENT ON
TO SPECULATE THAT WHILE VANLAETHEM IS NO EARTH-
SHAKER AND HAS NO PARTICULAR QUALIFICATIONS FOR UN
JOB, THAT INTERNAL MOVEMENTS WITHIN FRENCH GOVT
INDICATE THAT THEY FIND A SPOT FOR HIM. FRENCH, THEREFORE,
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INTEND TO USE UN POST AS MEANS TO HELP SOLVE THESE

INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND HAVE ONLY SECONDARY INTEREST IN EXTENT
TO WHICH REPLACEMENT CAN FIT INTO UN. HE ADDED THAT
THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL POSTURE FOR FRENCH TO TAKE.

2. COMMENT: RE LATTER POINT, MISSION'S OBSERVATION IS THAT
PRIMARY CONCERN OF FRENCH IS TO MAINTAIN POST ONCE
OCCUPIED BY ONE OF THEIR NATIONALS AND THAT SUITABILITY
FOR UN SERVICE RUNS A DISTANT SECOND IN FRENCH THINKING.

3. FOR CANBERRA: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO
DATA AVAILABLE ON VAN LAETHEM.
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